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"(b) A 50 per cent grant towards the expenditure on the scheme debitable to the Education Budget in each year is expected from the Government of India."

Resolutions submitted by the Tenth Conference of the Tamil Nad Village Officers' Association held at Madras

*286 Q.—SRI P. P. UMMER KOYA (on behalf of Sri T. Purushotham): Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to lay on the table of the House a copy of the resolutions submitted to Government by the Tenth Conference of the Tamil Nad Village Officers' Association held at Madras in 1953, showing the orders passed or action taken by Government on each of the resolution?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—"A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—"With reference to Resolutions Nos. 13 and 14 contained in the Statement placed on the table of the House, it is stated that the principle has been accepted by the Government but the question has been deferred for the present. May I know why it has been deferred?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—"The hon. Member ought to have known the implications of it by now. We have to find finances and that too a big sum for implementation. That is the only reason why it has been deferred."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—"May I know whether the Government have considered, in disposing of these cases, the recommendations of the Subrahmanyam Committee with regard to the hereditary system of village officers, etc., and if so, what the decision of the Government is in respect of these matters?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—"That is a big question which will probably come under the general land revenue reform."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—"With reference to the answer just now given by the Hon. Minister, may I know whether the Government would consider the appointment of a committee of officials and non-officials to consider the hereditary system and other resolutions passed at the Conference of Village Officers, on which action has not been taken so far?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—"I submit that no committee is necessary. What is wanted is more money. Therefore, let the hon. Member suggest some way of getting more money."

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a Printed as Appendix III on pages 896–897 infra.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether there is any objection to the village officers being entrusted with the execution of village works under the Local Development Works Scheme?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I do not know how it arises. A separate question may be put."

Working of the shutters in the Karikkalavakkam taluk

* 287 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Member of the Board of Revenue inspected the Karikkalavakkam tank, Trivellore taluk, Chingleput district, recently and made a report to the Government about the working of the shutters in the said tank on the southern side;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of the report on the table of the House; and

(*c*) whether the Government have taken a final decision in the matter and if so, the orders passed thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Government consider that no useful purpose will be served by placing a copy of the report on the table of the House.

" (*c*) Yes. Orders have been issued to proceed with the work of converting the existing calingula into a weir and providing screw gearing shutters to the scour vents. Instructions have also been issued to the Chief Engineer to lower the sill level of three of the vents to plus 89·0 feet and keep the existing sill level of 92·45 feet for the other three vents."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Manufacture of articles in the Madras Penitentiary, Central Jail, etc.

* 27 *Q.*—SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the articles manufactured in the Madras Penitentiary, Central Jail and Certified School, Chingleput and the Central Jails at Cuddalore, Tanjore, Tiruchirappalli, Vellore and Salem;

(*b*) whether they are manufactured with the aid of prison labour or outside labour or both;

(*c*) whether they are made available to the public for sale; if so, how and through what agencies;

(*d*) why these articles of jail manufacture are not exhibited in public museums or exhibitions;